

Worthington Hooker PTA
Minutes May 1, 2019.

Officers Present: Geertz; Roumani; Gurvich; Roginsky;
Delaney Staff Present: Ackerman; Gethings

Meeting called to order,
6.10. Minutes approved.

Volunteer recognition: Thanks for Alana, Megumi, Kim, Gillian for their doing the Original Works program, which is always popular. Thanks too to those who are working on the Spring Fair; and to Mr. Jones (faculty) who helped kids with Sahar's SECOND science fair this year.

Treasurer's Report: WE ARE STILL 5 HEADS SHORT of ANNUAL GOAL.

ASP is what's carrying our budget. Fundraisers have come in low, though admittedly also have not incurred huge costs. **ASP is what's keeping us in the black.** Donations for the **Teacher's Enrichment Fund are \$3K SHORT.** Not all "fundraiser" events/trips have happened yet. The \$70K surplus we see WILL SHRINK but we'll still have a surplus with which to start Fall 2019. Ackerman has question re: cost of soccer program; unanswered, as Coach Nate has yet to submit invoice.

ASP Report: Principal's Report/SPMT Report: Buses come and go from school frequently as there are so many school trips happening. Outdoor space being worked on apace. Tons of cleanup. Each class K-8 is working on an outdoor space, planting or doing a science experiment alongside people from Common Ground. A new lockdown announcement system was tested, successfully. No more color codes; the system is simpler now. Faculty and staff both happier with new procedures. No robocall went out to parents about this test; the change has been implemented DISTRICT-WIDE. Tomorrow is end of SBAC testing for the year. Faculty working with Change from Within program. In the fall, we will have an intern from Dwight Hall to help with finding tutors, with field trips, etc.; she'll be at WHS 3-4x/wk. The hope is to build PT positions such that a math tutor can be formally hired over the summer.

Question about Flex Time. Gethings responds that faculty/staff are all talking about how to re- implement Flex Time so as to give students the breaks and opportunities they want/need.

Brief explanation of Field Day planned for Autumn 2019, diversity-themed. Discussion of having Dr. Brett Raiford involved in a meeting/program in 2019. Discussion of SPMT, the AB/AR group that evolved into being an SPMT subcommittee, how an understanding needs to be developed as to what that group needs to be, to achieve, to discuss, to plan for. Parents who want to be IN AB/AR should reach out to SPMT; AB/AR is going to require funding from PTA in order to achieve its (presumed) programming goals.

Nominating Committee: PTA OFFICERS ARE NEEDED. Sitting officers have been discussing how to make job(s) easier for next roster of officers. **Proposal:** hiring someone to run ASP in tandem with serving as Treasurer somehow; modestly paid position. PTA roster as it is not sustainable. Discussion of the possibilities of incentives being devised (discounts on ASP?), ethics of this, complications. Emphasis that it remain important that everyone strive to maintain VOLUNTEER spirit, understand that this is NOT about trying to pay people to be officers. Observation: over the years, parents had a lot of ideas for things they wanted to create/implement, which started out fairly simple, and over time things became v.v. complicated. TO DISCUSS AT NEXT MEETING: Job proposal; salary proposal.

Query: Are there formal "job descriptions" for officers? Query: Can a teacher be an officer?
Query: can one parent/one teacher act as co-presidents?

Meeting adjourned. NEXT MEETING AT LOWER SCHOOL. Submitted, E. Geertz Secretary

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